



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

## PRELUDE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today                      Worship 8am & 10:30am  
Choir/Sunday School/Youth Group, 9:15am  
Handbell Choir 11:45am  
AA 8-9pm/White Rm
- Mon, April 8              UMCAP 9am-2pm  
AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
- Tues, April 9             UMCAP 9am-2pm;  
Book Study 6:30pm/Wesley Hall  
AA 6-7pm/White Rm
- Wed, April 10            UMCAP 9am-2pm  
AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
- Thurs, April 11          UMCAP 9am-2pm  
Antioch HS Religious Forum 8:30am-12pm  
AA 6-7pm/White Rm
- Fri, April 12             AA 10-11am  
AA 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
- Sat, April 13             Youth Leaders Workshop 9:30am/Wesley UMC  
Olsen Funeral 10am-12pm/Kitchen/Wesley Hall  
Antioch Garden Club 1-3pm/Wesley Hall  
AA 6-7pm/White Rm
- Sun, April 14             Native American Ministries Sunday  
Worship 8am & 10:30am  
Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am  
AA 8-9pm/White Rm

*~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-The Missions Cmte is offering everything on the sales tables half off today. Thank you for supporting missions!

The April Mission collection will be for Open Arms. We'll be collecting personal hygiene items and paper products. No diapers for adults or children. Feminine hygiene products are especially needed along with shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, tooth paste/brushes, toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels. All donations due to the church by April 28.

- Looking for a fun evening out? All are welcome to join the NIC Anti-Racism Task Force for the first event of the 2024 Arts and Culture Series, a night at the Orchestra with the Gateways Festival Orchestra with special guests Take 6 and conductor Anthony Parnter. The event will take place April 19, 7:30 pm at Orchestra Hall, Chicago. The cost is \$25 per person, concert only or \$40 per person, concert and buffet. For more information, visit

[https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/2024-arts-and-culture-series-gateways-festival-orchestra#msdynttrid=gn8ps4yhuoeixtywv0lpohyziyp8zirqx\\_a8roxvou](https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/2024-arts-and-culture-series-gateways-festival-orchestra#msdynttrid=gn8ps4yhuoeixtywv0lpohyziyp8zirqx_a8roxvou)

-Workshop for Youth Leaders "Becoming the Beloved Community: How to Talk About Race in America," April 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wesley UMC, Aurora

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/becoming-beloved-community>

-Civil Rights Pilgrimage Lobby Day, April 18 – The travelers on the Civil-Rights Pilgrimage last year will be going to Springfield, IL, for Lobby Day. They have a few seats available on the bus. Participants will visit their legislators to discuss racial justice and equity issues. The \$15 fee includes transportation and lunch. Training will be provided. Register soon, while space is still available at <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=785069> &

### **MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)**

**The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God’s love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.**

The Church Nursery is available for children 4 years and under. Please speak to an usher if you need nursery care. We follow our Safe Sanctuary policy, a copy of which is available in the nursery room. Also, children’s activity folders are available by the Usher’s stand.

*\* Invites you to stand as you are able or to sit with gusto!*

**\*WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

**L: Alleluia! He is Risen!**

**P: He is Risen, indeed!**

L: Easter is a season of celebration. The good news continues to be good news forever!

**P: We have a whole season – and really, our whole lives – to celebrate that the tomb could not hold Jesus.**

**\*HYMN Red Hymnal #304**

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**We thank you, Lord and Savior, that you come back and make sure we know. You check in on us. You revisit what we know and how we know it. You don't just see that our friends share the news, but you, yourself, check in on us. Thank you for being the good news, the best news, and loving us enough to make sure we continue to believe in our day and age. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**HYMN Green Hymnal #3179**

*The Risen Christ*

O breath of God, come fill this place;  
revive our hearts to know your grace;  
and from our slumber make us rise  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,  
renew our minds to trust in you;  
and give to us the bread of life  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God, so unrestrained,  
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.  
Let us reflect your sacrifice  
that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit make us one.  
In holiness let us unite  
that we may know the risen Christ.

**WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)**

**In this Easter season, we celebrate that your grace continues to be available for all. You have given yourself for all of your beloved and we come today to learn and grow. Focus our attention so that we might hear what you have to teach us today. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS** -John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**L:** The word of God for the people of God.

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Continue to Believe

**CHOIR ANTHEM** (10:30 Service)

UMCA Choir

*We Believe*

## MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Confession & Pardon

Let us together, confess our sins to God.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Hymns Sung During Receiving**

**#628** *Eat This Bread*

**#620** *One Bread, One Body*

**#640** *Take Our Bread*

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (Unison)**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us truly be your resurrection people. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**     *O See What a Morning*  
(Resurrection Hymn)

### **\*DOXOLOGY #95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



**\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**  
Generous God, as we gather to offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the words of the apostle John about the Word of life. Just as your Word brings light into our lives, may our giving be an act of generosity, a reflection of the abundance of your grace and love. We thank you for the forgiveness and grace offered through your Son, Jesus Christ, and as we give, may we also steward these gifts wisely for the betterment of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #308**

*Thine Be the Glory*

**\*WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**P: He is Risen, indeed! We will see, believe, and continue to believe even on the most challenging of days.**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**P: And also, with you. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Resurrection Medley*

## **Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday March 31, 2024**

8:00am- 40

General Fund: \$4,069

Easter: \$1346

Building: \$155

10:30am- 46

Missions: \$48

Boiler: \$1,600

UVC: \$86

**Worship Attendance for**

**Holy Thursday 40**

**Good Friday 50**

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Today**

**April 14**

### **Greeters**

8:00am	Vi Kluth	Becky Johnson
10:30am	Joanne Rae	Jen Klingler

### **Ushers**

8:00am	Jim Menzer	Dick Paddock
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	Tom Kessell

### **Soundboard**

8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Chris Shannon	Mike Lapke

### **Liturgists**

8:00am	Linda Hensgen	Leta Sathoff
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Margaret Zaller

### **Coffee Servers**

8:00am	Vogel Family	Mike DeBenedetto Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Margaret Zaller Nancy Zitkus	Caroline Adams Marilyn Hall

### **Church Openers**

	Cichonski Family	Metz Family
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### **Communion**

8:00am	Heather Menzer	-----
	Nancy Colby	
10:30am	Jen Klingler	-----
	Nancy Rae	

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the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body  
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Next deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup> for the May newsletter.

*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*